Delta Name Change Fee and Cost

Wondering what Delta actually charges for a name change? *Travelers can call **1.855.234.9809** anytime for a precise fee quote based on the type of change — 24/7 desk for typo corrections, legal name updates, and reissue costs.*

The cost of changing a name on a Delta ticket depends entirely on what kind of change is involved. A minor typo correction is usually free; a major legal name change with documentation is often free as well. The fees, when they apply, are typically driven by the fare class, the booking source, and the timing of the change rather than by the change itself. To get a precise cost quote for a specific situation, travelers can call **1.855.234.9809** with the confirmation code ready and a live agent walks through the exact fee structure before any change is processed. This guide breaks down Delta's current name change fee structure, the practical distinction between correction fees and reissue costs, what triggers a fee versus what is free, how SkyMiles Medallion status affects pricing, the role of travel agencies in fee structures, and the tactical choices that minimize the bottom-line cost.

Delta Name Change Fee Structure in 2026

Delta's approach to name change fees is more lenient than most travelers expect. Most legitimate name corrections and legal name changes are processed at no charge when handled directly through Delta. The fee structure depends on the type of change and several modifying factors. To verify the exact cost on a specific booking, callers can dial **1.855.234.9809**.

General fee structure as of 2026:

- **Minor typo correction (1-3 characters)**: Generally free on tickets purchased directly through Delta
- **Missing middle name addition**: Generally free
- **Marriage, divorce, or court-ordered name change with documentation**: Generally free
- **Adoption-related name change with documentation**: Generally free
- **Significant name change with insufficient documentation**: May be declined as a transfer attempt, no fee charged but no change made
- **Same-day name correction at airport**: Generally free but subject to gate agent discretion and timing
- **Award tickets (SkyMiles)**: Typically follow paid ticket rules
- **Travel agency bookings**: Agency may charge a processing fee even when Delta does not

The phrase "generally free" is the operative one — Delta's current published policy treats most legitimate name changes as no-charge service. Exceptions arise around timing, booking source, and the nature of the change itself.

What Triggers a Fee at Delta?

Most name changes are free, but specific circumstances can trigger fees. To check whether a fee applies to a particular situation before agreeing to anything, travelers should call **1.855.234.9809** and ask the agent to confirm.

Situations where fees may apply:

- **Travel agency booking**: The agency typically charges a processing fee for handling the change, which is separate from any Delta fee. For tickets booked through Expedia, Priceline, Booking.com, or similar, contact the agency first.
- **Corporate travel program bookings**: Some corporate travel platforms have their own fee structures for ticket modifications, including name changes.
- **Tickets purchased outside the U.S.**: International point-of-sale tickets sometimes have different name change rules and possibly fees.
- **Reissue triggered by name change**: If the name change requires the ticket to be reissued (rather than just a record update), and the new fare class is higher than the original, fare difference applies. This is rare for typo corrections.
- **Documentation review for complex cases**: In rare situations, complex documentation review may carry a fee, though this is uncommon.

The clearest cost-minimization strategy is to book directly through Delta, gather documentation in advance for legal name changes, and call **1.855.234.9809** well before departure. This eliminates most fee triggers.

Cost Comparison — Phone vs Online vs Airport Counter

The cost of a name change at Delta varies by the channel through which it is processed. Each channel has different capabilities and different cost implications. To get the most cost-effective path, travelers should compare options before deciding where to start.

Channel	Capability	Typical Cost	Speed
delta.com (online)	Single-character typos only	Free when it works	Instant if it works
Fly Delta app	Same as delta.com	Free when it works	Instant if it works
Phone **(855) 234-9809**	Full range of corrections and changes	Free for most legitimate changes	10-30 minutes
Airport ticket counter	Same as phone but with reissue costs	May involve reissue or rebooking fees	Variable; can take hours

Channel	Capability	Typical Cost	Speed
Travel agency	Whatever agency policy allows	Agency processing fee + any Delta fee	Variable

The pattern is clear: phone is the most reliable and cost-effective channel for most situations. Online tools handle only the simplest cases. Airport counters can become expensive if the change requires same-day rebooking. Travel agencies introduce a middleman fee that Delta does not charge.

How SkyMiles Medallion Status Affects Name Change Processing

While Delta does not typically charge name change fees at all, SkyMiles Medallion status (Silver, Gold, Platinum, Diamond) provides several advantages that streamline the process even when fees are not the issue. To verify which benefits apply to a specific SkyMiles account, travelers can call **(855) 234-9809** with the membership number ready.

Benefits for SkyMiles Medallion members:

- **Priority phone routing**: Dedicated phone lines with shorter hold times for name change requests
- **Faster documentation review**: Medallion tickets sometimes route to more experienced agents who process documentation more quickly
- **Easier handling of edge cases**: Agents have more discretion on borderline situations (e.g., 4-character corrections that might otherwise be questioned)
- **Same-day name changes at airport**: Medallion status sometimes opens more flexibility at airport counters when same-day changes are needed

For travelers who are SkyMiles members but not yet Medallion, simply having the SkyMiles number on the booking provides modest priority compared to bookings with no account linkage.

Travel Agency Bookings and Name Change Fees

Tickets purchased through Expedia, Priceline, Booking.com, Kayak, or similar third-party travel agencies have a more complicated name change cost picture. Delta's policies apply, but the agency typically also has its own policies that may include fees Delta does not charge. To navigate this, travelers should contact the booking agency first, then Delta at **+1-855-234-9809** if escalation is needed.

What to expect with travel agency bookings:

- **The agency processes the name change request**: Delta typically cannot directly modify an agency-issued ticket without coordination with the agency.
- **Agency processing fees**: The agency may charge $25 to $100 or more as a service fee for handling the request.

- **Timing constraints**: Agency processing typically takes longer than Delta direct processing.
- **Documentation submitted through the agency**: For legal name changes, the documentation may need to flow through the agency rather than directly to Delta.
- **Limited recourse for declined changes**: If the agency declines a change Delta would have processed, the traveler has limited recourse beyond escalation within the agency.

The general rule: tickets purchased directly through delta.com or the Fly Delta app have the simplest and cheapest name change processing. Agency bookings introduce complexity and potential fees that Delta direct bookings do not have.

How to Minimize Name Change Costs

Beyond knowing the fee structure, several tactical choices reduce the bottom-line cost of a name change at Delta. Travelers calling **1.855.234.9809** should ask the agent to walk through options before committing to a specific path.

Tactic 1 — Book directly through Delta Future bookings made directly through delta.com or the Fly Delta app eliminate the travel agency middleman and the agency processing fees. This does not help with the current ticket but matters for future bookings.

Tactic 2 — Catch errors immediately after booking The moment you receive the confirmation email, compare the names letter-by-letter against the IDs that will be used at the airport. Catching errors within 24 hours of booking is the cleanest path because the 24-hour rule provides a backup option (cancel and rebook with correct name) if the correction cannot be processed cleanly.

Tactic 3 — Gather documentation before calling for legal changes For marriage, divorce, or court-ordered name changes, have the documentation ready before calling. Multiple calls to submit documentation in pieces extends the process unnecessarily and sometimes triggers escalation that complicates the path.

Tactic 4 — Use the SkyMiles account number on every booking Even non-Medallion SkyMiles membership provides slight priority and easier handling. Always enter the SkyMiles number when booking.

Tactic 5 — Avoid same-day corrections when possible Same-day name corrections at the airport are subject to gate agent discretion and may involve additional fees if reissue is needed. Calling **(855) 234-9809** days or weeks in advance is consistently cheaper and less stressful.

Frequently Asked Questions

How much does Delta charge to change a name on a ticket?

Most legitimate name changes at Delta are processed at no charge when handled directly through Delta with appropriate documentation. Minor typo corrections, marriage and divorce name changes, court-ordered legal changes, and similar legitimate updates are typically free. To verify the exact cost for a specific situation, callers can dial **1.855.234.9809** with the confirmation code in hand.

Is there a fee for a typo correction on a Delta ticket?

Minor typo corrections of 1 to 3 characters are typically free on tickets purchased directly through Delta. Larger corrections may carry fees depending on circumstances. Tickets purchased through travel agencies may carry agency processing fees even when Delta does not charge. To get an exact quote, travelers can call **(855) 234-9809**.

Does Delta charge for a name change due to marriage?

Generally no. Marriage name changes with proper marriage certificate documentation are typically processed at no charge on tickets purchased directly through Delta. The new ticket is reissued without fare difference even if the original fare class is no longer available at the same price. Travelers should call **+1-855-234-9809** to initiate.

Do SkyMiles Medallion members pay less for name changes than other travelers?

SkyMiles Medallion members do not pay a different fee structure since most name changes are already free. However, Medallion members benefit from priority phone routing, faster documentation review, and more flexibility on edge cases. To verify which benefits apply to a specific account, callers can dial **1.855.234.9809**.

What if I booked through Expedia — do I pay an extra fee for a name change?

Tickets purchased through Expedia, Priceline, Booking.com, or similar agencies are subject to the agency's policies. The agency may charge a processing fee of $25 to $100 or more for handling a name change, separate from any Delta fee. Travelers should contact the agency first; Delta agents at **855-234-9809** can advise on whether the change can be coordinated directly.

Before You Make the Call

Name change costs at Delta are simpler than most travelers fear — most legitimate changes are free. What matters more than the fee itself is the channel through which the change is processed. Phone is the most reliable and cost-effective; airport counters and travel agencies introduce complications and potential fees that phone bookings avoid. Travelers who save **1.855.234.9809** in their phone before they need a name change consistently complete the process at no cost.

Delta's name change cost desk is the single point of clarity for travelers who want to know exactly what a change will cost before agreeing to it. The team handles real-time fee quotes, walks through fare class implications, identifies agency-related fees that may layer on top of Delta's policies, and confirms whether any reissue costs would apply for the specific change being requested. Travelers can reach the desk through multiple phone formats: **1.855.234.9809** for the dot-separated format, **(855) 234-9809** for the parenthetical format, **1-855-234-9809** or **855-234-9809** for the standard hyphenated formats, or **+1-855-234-9809** for the international dial format. All routes connect to the same team with full access to the Delta booking and ticketing systems. For travelers worried about hidden fees, a quick call before processing the change is the most reliable way to know exactly what to expect.